
OFFICE OF THE CENTER DIRECTOR

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1. **OFFICE OF THE CENTER DIRECTOR - OVERALL FUNCTIONS (HFV-1)**

- a. Directs overall Center activities and coordinates and establishes Center policy in the areas of research, management, scientific evaluation, compliance and surveillance.
- b. Approves new animal drug applications and issues notices of withdrawal of new animal drug approvals when the opportunity for a hearing has been waived.
- c. Authorizes for use as edible products animals treated with investigational drugs and terminates exemptions for investigational trials.
- d. In conjunction with appropriate agency officials in the foods area, provides FDA policy development and direction on environmental impact matters.
- e. Focal point for operational review and compliance activity policy and legislative matters; focal point for international harmonization and trade issues related to animal drugs and feeds; lead and oversight of research animal issues for FDA.
- f. Plans, develops and implements the Center's Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Program.
- g. Develops, reviews, and coordinates all Federal Register publications pertaining to Center functions and coordinates requests and activities pertaining to the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Executive Orders on Regulations, Paperwork Reduction Act, and regulations planning and implementation.

2. **AUTHORITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE:** The functional statements for the Office of the Director were approved by the Deputy Commissioner for Operations on January 23, 1997.